

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 45-56 and 58-62 are pending in the application. Claims 1-44 were previously canceled. Claim 57 is canceled, and its subject matter is incorporated into claim 56. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Allowed claims 45-55

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating the allowability of claims 45-55.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and 35 U.S.C. § 102

The subject matter of claim 57, which is only rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, is incorporated into independent claim 56. Applicants believe that this amendment address all the remaining section 102 and section 112 issues, and that only allowable claims remain pending in this application.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Applicants believe that the above amendment addresses the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Applicants believe that the claims are now in condition for allowance. If any minor or formalities issues remain, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned by telephone, to expedite resolution of any remaining issues.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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